

A DEFENDANT CONVICTED AND SENTENCED BY THE DISTRICT COURT SITTING IN A COUNTY OR IN BALTIMORE CITY, RESPECTIVELY.

SECTION 32. *And be it further enacted,* That Sections 3-10(c), 7-1(c), 9-1(a), and 12-2(a) of Article 33 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1971 Supplement), title "Election Code," subtitles "Registration of Voters—How and by Whom Conducted," "Nomination by Petition," "Vacancies in Nominations—In General," and "Presidential Primaries and Conventions," respectively, be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

§ 3-10. Appointment of registrars; powers and duties.

(c) Process.—They shall have the power to issue any summons to the sheriff of any county or Baltimore City or to any [Constable or] police officer thereof; and such process shall be served by said officers in the same manner as if issued by a court of record having jurisdiction of the subject matter [or by a justice of the peace exercising police powers within such respective jurisdiction,]; the said officers serving any of said process to receive the same fees as in other State cases.

§ 7-1. General provisions.

(c) Form of petition; affidavit.—The signatures shall not be appended to one paper but shall be on separate papers, bearing one or more signatures and being no more than 8½ inches in width or 14 inches in length. Such paper shall not contain the names of persons residing in more than one county or in any county and in the City of Baltimore. Each signer shall append to his signature his residence, and the name of the county or city where he is registered as a voter, and immediately below the signature of any signer there shall be either printed or typed the name of the signer. Every paper shall be accompanied by an affidavit or affidavits made before a [justice of the peace,] notary public, or other officer authorized to take oaths under the laws of this State, by one or more persons known personally to the [justice,] notary public or other officer, and so certified by him and signed by the affiants, to the effect that the signers are known to such affiant or affiants to be registered voters of the county or city as set forth in the petition, and that the affiant or affiants personally saw the signers, in regard to whom he or they make oaths, sign the paper.

§ 9-1. Nomination declined.

(a) Primary election.—(1) Whenever any person who has filed a certificate of candidacy for nomination in any primary election shall, in a writing signed by him, and acknowledged before a [justice of the peace or] notary public, notify the officer or board with whom the certificate of candidacy is required to be filed by this article, at least forty-five (45) days before the said primary that he desires to withdraw as a candidate for such nomination, the certificate of candidacy shall thereupon be and become void; and the name of any person so withdrawing shall not be printed upon the ballots to be used at the primary election. The filing of a valid certificate of withdrawal